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Reviewer: [Signature] James J. Kemmerer

Date: 2/3/99 2-3-99



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Copies: FDOT ICAR Coordinator w/att., FDOT District 7 PT Manager,
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Subject: **ICAR Federal Consistency Project Review Process**
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In accordance with departmental procedure 525-010-205, and State Clearinghouse requirements for review and comment on potential federal projects that may affect state programs and objectives, please be advised that the above-referenced proposed study or project:

— Does influence and impose a potential impact on existing state programs or objectives under Rail Office jurisdiction to the extent noted in the following comments:

X Does not influence or impose a potential impact on existing state programs or objectives under Rail Office jurisdiction at this time, and no comments or recommendations are required.

Should further information or explanation be required, please feel free to contact the Rail Office at (850) 414-4500.

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July 14, 1998

DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Mr. George M. Strain
Planning Division, Environmental Branch
Jacksonville District, Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

In Reply Refer To:
Scott B. Edwards
Historic Sites Specialist
Project File No. 983479

RE: Cultural Resource Assessment Request
Re-evaluation Report for the Construction of the previously Authorized Tampa Harbor -
Ybor Channel Turning Basin and the Tampa Harbor - Port Sutton Terminal Channel.
Hillsborough County, Florida

Dear Mr. Strain:

In accordance with the procedures contained in 36 C.F.R., Part 800 ("Protection of Historic Properties"), we have reviewed the referenced projects for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*. The authority for this procedure is the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), as amended.

Mr. Jim Dunbar, Underwater Archaeologist, Division of Historical Resources, has reviewed the proposed activities. We concur with Mr. Dunbar's conclusion that as long as the turning basin widening project will be expanding in areas of previously disturbed bottoms then the project will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*.

However, if areas of undisturbed bottoms are to be dredged then it is our recommendation that prior to initiating any bottom disturbing activities within the widening areas, they should be subjected to a professional magnetometer survey investigations. In the event that significant submerged cultural resources are located during the course of the magnetometer survey, it will be the recommendation of this office that those locations be buffered and avoided. If avoidance is not possible, then other appropriate diver investigations and evaluations would be recommended to assess significant cultural resources. The resultant survey report must be forwarded to this agency in order to complete the process of reviewing the impact of this project on cultural resources. In addition, we would request that all core logs and geologists interpretations of the cores be sent to this office so that prehistoric potential may also be evaluated.

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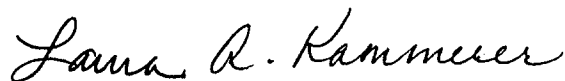
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As for the areas under consideration for dredged material placement (CMDA-2D & CMDA-3D), a review of the Florida Master Site File indicates that no significant archaeological or shipwreck sites are recorded for or likely to be present within the project area. Furthermore, because of the project location and/or nature it is unlikely that any such sites will be affected. Therefore, it is the opinion of this office that the proposed project will have no effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*.

If you have any questions concerning our comments, please do not hesitate to contact us. Your interest in protecting Florida's historic properties is appreciated.

Sincerely,



George W. Percy, Director
Division of Historical Resources
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State Historic Preservation Officer

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

Southeast Regional Office
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January 27, 1999

Colonel Joe R. Miller, District Engineer
Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
ATTN: Chief, Planning Division
P.O. Box 4970
Jacksonville, Florida 32232-0019

Dear Colonel Miller:

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed your staff's letter, dated December 29, 1998, requesting comments to assist in the preparation of a Limited Re-evaluation Report for the construction of the Ybor Channel Turning Basin in Tampa Bay, Hillsborough County, Florida. Authorized in 1970, a 200-foot southwest expansion of the existing basin is proposed to improve navigational safety within this portion of the Port of Tampa.

The NMFS by letter dated June 3, 1998, advised you of mangrove and oyster reef habitats occurring in and near the project area. In that letter, we also recommended that sediments in the project footprint be assessed for toxic contamination to determine suitable disposal options, including beneficial use options, for the dredged material. We also provided comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on November 24, 1998, and concurred with their recommendations and findings as outlined in the draft Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report to be submitted to the Corps of Engineers (COE) for this project. In summary, these recommendations were to avoid impacts to natural resources where possible, salvage existing oyster beds, create additional oyster beds, determine the toxicity of the dredged material and seek appropriate beneficial use disposal sites.

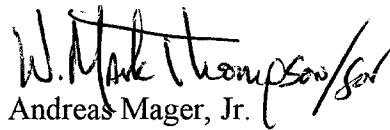
The COE is now exploring the feasibility of restoring bay bottom in the de-authorized Garrison Channel which is currently approximately 25-feet-deep. Information presented to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council's Agency on Bay Management indicates that this option would accommodate approximately half of the dredged material. Other options include previously authorized dredged material disposal sites (e.g. disposal islands 2-D & 3-D, Hookers Point, and the ocean disposal site) as well as other alternatives, identified as beneficial uses, including restoration in the Palm River and creation of intertidal habitat near the disposal islands or south of the seaplane basin on Davis Island. Several of the options identified would simply result in the conversion of existing habitats to intertidal marsh habitats under the auspices of providing a beneficial use of the dredged material. When converting existing natural habitats to different habitat types, the trade-offs to the affected resources must be fully and carefully considered. Restoration of previously altered habitats should be given highest priority when developing beneficial use alternatives.



With regard to the proposed Garrison Channel disposal option, the NMFS recommends that the affects of this action on the circulation patterns in the adjacent channels be investigated. Raising the bottom elevation of this channel may provide improvements to water quality and fishery habitat in this highly impacted segment of Tampa Bay. However, due to its proximity to the mouth of the Hillsborough River we are concerned that significant alterations to the Garrison Channel may reduce flushing of the Ybor Channel and Turning Basin and thereby exasperate poor water quality conditions in this segment of Tampa Bay. We are also concerned that toxic levels of contaminants may be associated with the surface layers of the sediments in the proposed expansion area due to the proximity of various industrial activities in this area of the Port over an extended period of time. However, we suspect that subsurface sediments will be relatively free of contaminants as these sediments have not been previously disrupted by anthropogenic activities. Therefore, these sediments could offer a generally rare opportunity to provide a large quantity of clean dredged material for a beneficial use project such as the restoration of the Palm River. Ocean disposal or placement of these sediments in disposal islands 2-D and 3-D should be considered only after viable beneficial use alternatives have been exhausted.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide you with our comments. If we can be of further assistance, please advise. Related comments, questions or correspondence should be directed to Mr. David N. Dale in St. Petersburg, Florida. He may be contacted at 727/570-5311 or at the letterhead address above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Mark Thompson, Jr.", is written over the typed name.

Andreas Mager, Jr.
Assistant Regional Administrator
Habitat Conservation Division

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January 25, 1999

Lt. Colonel Michael Moore
Acting Chief, Planning Division - Environmental Branch
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Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers
Post Office Box 4970
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Dear Lt. Colonel Moore:

SUBJECT: YBOR CHANNEL TURNING BASIN NAVIGATION STUDY

The scope of the letter, dated December 29, 1998, states that the purpose of the improvement to the Ybor Channel Turning Basin is to ease the difficulties of large vessels maneuvering within the basin. To achieve the desired results, the applicant is proposing a maintenance dredge of the basin to a depth of 34 feet and increasing the width of the basin by an additional 200 feet. The increase width will be by the excavation of submerged lands and uplands on the southwest side of the existing basin. The letter further states that in an effort to improve the water quality and create additional fishing habitat in Garrison Channel (a deauthorized channel since 1981) a portion of the dredged material would be used to raise the bottom elevation of the channel to about a 10 foot depth in the center of the channel.

Considering the proposal, the staff of the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) of Hillsborough County would offer the following comments:

1. EPC staff has no objections to improving water quality and creation of fisheries habitat in Garrison Channel by raising the bottom elevation through utilizing a portion of the dredged material. The data collected by the staff of the EPC during its monthly water monitoring site, site #2 (located approximately a third of a mile west of Garrison Channel), indicates that dissolved oxygen readings for nine (9) months of the year (FY 1997) was below state water quality standards (see attached graph).

In order to increase the benthic habitat benefits of the project, only the larger particle/rubble dredged materials should be used in this restoration project.

2. In order to mitigate for the loss of a portion of the shelf area (intertidal area) caused by the proposed widening of Ybor Basin, the staff of the EPC may require the creation of a littoral shelf in Garrison Channel which slopes down to the proposed increase in bottom elevation (pursuant to Chapter 1-11, Wetlands, Rules of the EPCHC). This littoral shelf could then be used for the planting of vegetation or the placement of hard bottom material.

According to the rule, the wetland functions lost by the proposed development must be replaced on a one-for-one, like-kind for like-kind basis. This ensures that no-net-loss of wetlands will occur. However, it may be determined that the restored slopes in the proposed 'widening' area meets the mitigation requirements of Chapter 1-11.



Lt. Michael Moore

January 25, 1999

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3. Potentially, with large ships and tugs utilizing the turning basin, erosion due to prop wash and the wave action created through turning and berthing of these vessels may occur along the remainder of the southwest edge of the basin. To help alleviate this problem, EPC staff will recommend the placement of rip-rap along this edge. The placement of the rip-rap should be as follows:

a) From mean high tide to 6 feet below Mean Low Water - the rip-rap slope shall maintain a grade of 4:1.

b) Below 6 feet Mean Low Water) - the rip-rap placed shall maintain a slope of 2:1.

The rip-rap shall also meet the following criteria:

a) the use of clean concrete rubble or natural boulders one (1) foot to three (3) feet or larger in diameter shall constitute acceptable rip-rap materials; and,

b) no reinforcing rods or other similar protrusions in concrete rubble shall be exposed and the rip-rap material shall be free of attached sediments; and,

c) **the rip-rap material shall remain unconsolidated;** and,

e) to prevent any undermining of the rip-rap material, a filter fabric or similar underliner will be required.

4. As a location considered for the placement of the remaining dredged material, the staff of the EPC would encourage the continued exploration of portions of the Palm River in much the same manner as Garrison Channel for the same beneficial environmental reasons.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of additional assistance, please contact me by phone at (813) 272-5960 or by fax at (813) 272-5157.

Sincerely,



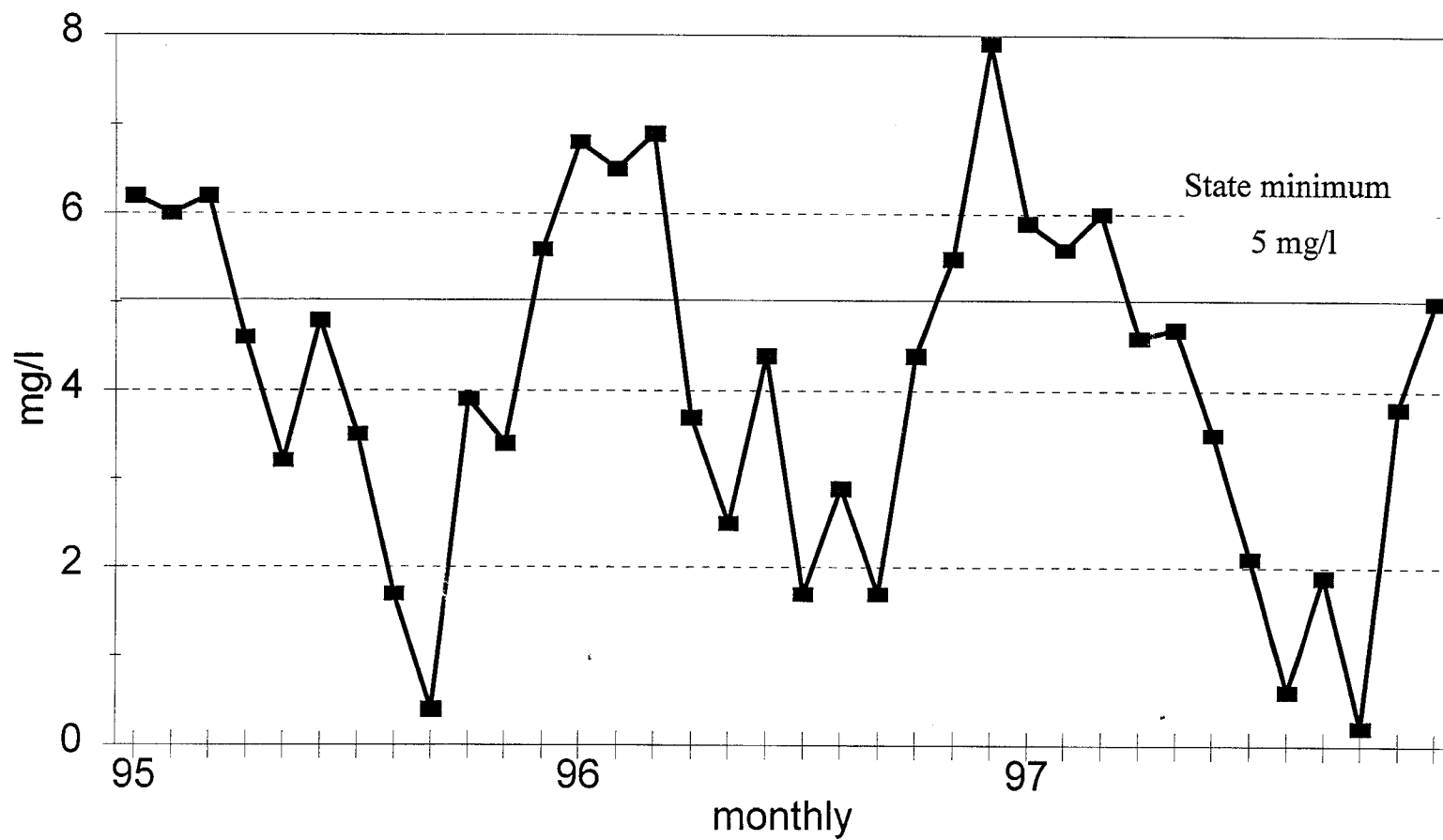
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Dissolved Oxygen (Bottom)

Site #2 (Hillsborough River mouth)



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REPLY TO
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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are coordinating an Environmental Assessment for the Tampa Harbor - Ybor Turning Basin Expansion in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and to obtain concurrence from the State of Florida in our Coastal Zone Management Plan Consistency Determination. The work was previously approved but never constructed. We are re-evaluating the impacts of the project since the initial assessment was done in 1970. Based on the impacts of this proposal we have preliminarily determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

The document is contained on the attached compact disk (CD). If you have a computer, place the document in the CD drive. It is in pdf format but is self-extracting (loads automatically). If you do not have a computer, you can take it to your local library for assistance. The document can also be viewed at our Internet site at URL <http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/pd/env-doc.htm>.

We are circulating this document for a 30-day period from the date of this letter. If you have any questions or comments, please write to Mr Bill Fonferek at the above address and reference this project. He can also be reached at 904-232-2803.

Sincerely,

James C. Duck
Chief, Planning Division

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Dear Mr. Fonferek:

The Florida State Clearinghouse, pursuant to Presidential Executive Order 12372, Gubernatorial Executive Order 95-359, the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1451-1464, as amended, and the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321, 4331-4335, 4341-4347, as amended, has coordinated a review of the above-referenced project.

The Department of State (DOS) notes that a potentially significant anomaly was identified in the Ybor Channel remote sensing survey and that the Garrison Channel has not been surveyed. The nature and/or location of the proposed project activities is such that they may adversely impact historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places. The DOS looks forward to future coordination with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding this action. Conditioned upon early and sufficient consultation with the DOS, the proposed project will be consistent with the historic preservation laws of Florida's Coastal Management Program. Please refer to the enclosed DOS comments.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) indicates its agreement that the preferred alternative is the best

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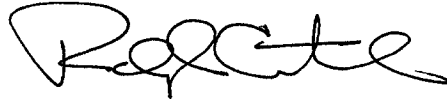
alternative considered and offers several comments regarding the draft environmental assessment. Please refer to the enclosed DEP comments.

Based on the information contained in the draft environmental assessment and the enclosed comments provided by our reviewing agencies, the state has determined that the above-referenced project is consistent with the Florida Coastal Management Program.

In addition, comments and concerns received from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council are enclosed for your review and consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Ms. Cherie Trainor, Clearinghouse Coordinator, at (850) 922-5438.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Cantral', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ralph Cantral, Executive Director
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RE: CEO/Draft EA for the Tampa Harbor-Ybor Turning Basin Expansion, Hillsborough County
SAI#: FL9911290924C

Dear Ms. Trainor:

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has completed its review of the above referenced Draft Environmental Assessment. This Draft EA is regarding the proposed dredging of the Ybor Turning Basin and placement of dredged material in the Garrison Channel and at Hooker's Point.

The purpose of placing the dredged material in Garrison Channel would be to reduce poor water quality conditions, cover undesirable sediments and create shallow-water habitat for aquatic life. The Department agrees that the preferred alternative, Construction and Garrison Channel Placement, is the best alternative considered. However, there is some question as to whether the hydrology in the Ybor Channel will be adversely affected. While it is generally agreed that tidal flushing in the Garrison Channel will likely be improved, tidal flushing in the Ybor Channel may be decreased. Tidal flushing in the Ybor Channel is reportedly currently poor. It would be beneficial for a hydrologic study to be conducted to show the alternative's effects on flushing in the Ybor Channel.

In Section 4.55 (Cumulative Effects - Environmental Consequences; Construction and Garrison Channel Placement Alternative), on page 22 it is stated:

If this action were considered in conjunction with other similar projects, there would be a substantial adverse.

This statement is incomplete. Any potential cumulative effects should be discussed in detail within the EA.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to review this project. If I may be of further assistance, please feel free to call me at 487-2231.

Sincerely,

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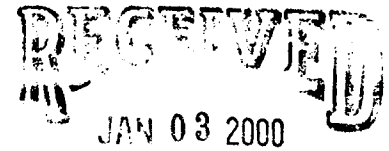
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RE: DHR Project File No. 998838
Cultural Resource Assessment Request
SAI# FL9911290924C
Environmental Assessment for the Tampa Harbor – Ybor Turning Basin Expansion
Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida

State of Florida Clearinghouse

Dear Ms. Trainor:

In accordance with the provisions of Florida's Coastal Zone Management Act and Chapter 267, *Florida Statutes*, as well as the procedures contained in 36 C.F.R., Part 800 ("Protection of Historic Properties"), we have reviewed the referenced project for possible impact to historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the *National Register of Historic Places*, or otherwise of historical or architectural value.

We have reviewed the referenced environmental assessment. We specifically reviewed section 3.8.3 dealing with Historic Properties. We note that that a potentially significant anomaly was identified in the Ybor Channel remote sensing survey and that the Garrison Channel has not been surveyed. The nature and/or location of the proposed project activities is such that they could have an adverse effect on historic properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register. We look forward to future coordination between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and this office with regards to this action. Conditioned upon early and sufficient consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office the proposed Environmental Assessment for the Tampa Harbor – Ybor Turning Basin Expansion project will be consistent with the historic preservation laws of Florida's Coastal Management Program.

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